

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 22, 2009, the Office noted that claims 1-13, 16 and 18 were pending and rejected claims 1-12 and 18, and withdrew claims 13, 16 and 17. In this amendment claims 1, 3-6, 10 and 11 have been amended, and, thus, in view of the foregoing claims 1-13, 16 and 17 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejection and objections are traversed below.

OBJECTION TO THE DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to. In particular the Office asserts that drawings do not show every feature of the invention as specified in the claims and the drawings elements have duplicate meanings.

The Applicants have amended the claims and the Specification to overcome the rejection. The Applicants submit a replacement Specification in clean and marked-up copies herewith. The Applicants submit that no new matter is believed to have been added by the amendment of the claims.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5-11 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to

particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. The Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the rejections. The Applicants submit that no new matter is believed to have been added by the amendment of claims.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Addonisio, U.S. Patent No. 6,839,035. The Applicants respectfully disagree and traverse the rejection with an argument and amendment.

Addonisio discusses an antenna range extender that is placed between the interrogator's antenna and the transponder's (or tag) antenna of a standard radio frequency identification (RFID) system to extend the read/write range of the tag by the interrogator.

The Applicants have amended claim 1 to further recite "the at least one intermediate connecting element is separate from the integrated circuit." Support for the amendment may be found, for example, in Fig.1 where the intermediate connecting element (4) is a separate integrated circuit (1). The Applicants submit that no new matter is believed to have been added by the amendment of claim 1.

It is noted that on page 5 of the Office Action, the

Office cites the element 46 of Addonisio as both the integrated circuit and as the intermediate connecting element.

For at least the reasons discussed above, claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom are not anticipated by Addonisio.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

It is also submitted that claims 1-13, 16 and 17 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

- amended specification in clean and marked-up versions